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## A Merger.

CONSOLIDATION OF A PENNSYLVANIA AND A DELAWARE RAILROAD COMPANY.

On Monday noon a special meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania and Delaware Railroad Company was held at the office of the company, No. 727 Walnut street, for the purpose of taking action upon a joint agreement entered into by the Board of Directors of this company with the Board of Directors of the Delaware and Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the consolidation and merger of the capital stock, railroads, franchises and property of the said companies into a new corporation, to be known as the "Pennsylvania and Delaware Railway Company."

Dr. Andrew Murphy, of Pomeroy, was called to the chair, and Joseph Pennock, of Chatham, Chester county, acted as secretary.

The call of the meeting was read, and a resolution approving the action of the Board of Directors adopted. Of stock there are 10,000 shares. Of this number 7783 voted, more than three-fourths, in favor of the consolidation and merger.

The Pennsylvania and Delaware Railroad track, which is 223 miles long, extends from Pomeroy, on the line of the Pennsylvania Central railroad, to the Delaware State line. The Delaware and Pennsylvania railroad, is eighteen miles long, and extends from the State line to Delaware City, passing through Newark.

The consolidation places the whole line from Pomeroy to Delaware City under one management. The Delaware and Pennsylvania railroad will vote on the consolidation on the 17th of this month. After the roads have been merged they will be placed under the management of the Pennsylvania Central, to which company they will be leased for \$500 yearly.

The following are the officers and directors of the consolidated companies:

President—Wm. Heybold, Del. City.

Directors—S. Minor Curtis, Newark; William Heybold, Delaware City; William D. Clarke, Delaware City; George B. Money, Delaware City; Charles Weller, Landenberg; P. G. S. Jones, Philadelphia; G. W. Smith, Philadelphia; John M. Pomeroy, Pomeroy; F. P. Nicholson, Philadelphia.

Secretary and Treasurer—Walter B. Mitchell.

## Business Locals.

Ladies call and see the new style HOTTENTOT DUSTLE at

S. N. REYNOLDS'

Dr. Wichter's W.M. Cheesey Barber—This Balsamic compound has become a home remedy, let all who suffer, and have in vain attempted to cure their coughs, colds, bronchial or pulmonary complaints, make use of this unequalled remedy. It can be relied upon, the mass of testimony that has been published since its introduction being ample proof of its efficacy.

The celebrated POOL GRAIN FAN, the best in the world for cleaning all kinds of grain.

For sale by E. T. EVANS.

Roll on great Pill of Ayer, roll on!

Through miles embrowned still!

Roll on!

Through those whose hearts shade the soul!

Through those whose heads stanch the fall!

Through those whose waxen pale!

Through all who live in flesh and all!

Ever roll on!

Roll on over the prairies of the nation—

For the sick and ill of every station!

Roll down the Andes—towering mountains!

Roll over Africa's golden fountain!

Through India and the Cimmerian!

Through distant isles of Japan!

Wherever dwells a stricken heart!

Roll on to our mighty part,

Ayer's Pill, roll on!

Patented for Oct.

A large assortment of Trusses, Braces and

Supporters for sale and properly fitted by a phy-

sician at

T. A. McCLELLAND'S

Auction Rooms.

Buy your Furniture, Mattresses, &c., of T. A.

McClelland, 1219 Chestnut Street. Handsome

New Furniture for Parlors, Bed Rooms and

Dining Rooms, at Auction Sales, every Monday

and Thursday, and at Private Sales at Auction

Prices. All goods warranted. Furniture

carefully packed and shipped.

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND

MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings

of all kinds on hand or made to order.

Particular attention given to Repairing Machin-

ery. Cash for old iron.

W. M. L. BUCKE & SON,

Founders and Machinists

Jan 4-14

KING ALFRED.

The thoroughly-tried STATION KING ALFRED

is used by the racing racer—Planet, will

stand during the season, commencing March 15,

1833, at Odessa, Del., Mondays, Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, and St. Georges on Thursdays, Fri-

days, and Saturdays.

Jan 15-28\*

C. MAISEL,

TAILOR, (From Paris),

1321 Chestnut Street,

PHILADELPHIA.

Feb 1-14

FOR EXCHANGE.

SEVERAL fine Properties in Philadelphia for

Farms in Delaware and Maryland.

Those wishing to exchange can do well by

calling on GEO. W. INGRAM,

Middleton, Del.

Jan 18-30\*

## Trees, Plants, &c.

500,000

## Trees and Plants

For Spring of 1873.

AT MIDDLETON NURSERY AND FRUIT FARM,

Such as Peach, Apple, Pear, and all other kinds of fruit trees—Maple, Horse Chestnut and all other kinds of shade trees; American Arbor Vitæ, Irish Juniper, and all other kinds of ornamental trees; Strawberry, Raspberry, Blackberry, Gooseberry, Orange, Orange, and other plants; Early Rose, Periwinkle, and White Peacock Potatoes.

Each will not increase the value and the citizens of Middleton and vicinity that he has on hand a large and well selected stock of handsome and durable

Walnut and Other Furniture,

which he will sell very cheap for cash.

Buying at wholesale cash rates he feels assured that he can sell as low as the same goods can be bought elsewhere.

By buying of him purchasers will be saved the freight on their goods from the city.

He is also prepared to attend to

E. R. COCHRAN,

Middleton, Del.

25c PEACH BASKETS of all kinds at manufacturer's prices. Earliest callers treated best, mar 20-25.

100,000

## OSAGE ORANGE PLANTS

1 and 2 years old, of good size.

20,000 Brandywine Raspberry Plants

Together with other small fruit plants, all for sale on reasonable terms. Also,

Choice Early Vegetable Plants,

(In large or small quantities), in season from

Hot Bed and Cold Frame.

HENRY CLAYTON,

Mt. Pleasant, Del.

March 15-20\*

## PEACH TREES.

FOR SALE, at the Diamond State Nursery, 100,000 PEACH TREES for Spring planting. Also, a choice lot of

ASPARAGUS PLANTS.

50,000 OSAGE PLANTS.

For circulars, address

JAMES T. SHALLCROSS,

Middleton, Del.

Feb 22-27

## 10,000 PEACH TREES

FOR SALE.

At the Odessa Nursery, among which are 2,000

Trees, some of the most desirable

French Plum, Maple Trees and Evergreens, and a limited stock of Blackberry, Raspberry, Currant, Amurica, Blackberry, and other choice

Plants.

Also, 50,000 OSAGE PLANTS.

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## FLOWERS.

FOR MARKING LINEN WITH INDELIBLE INK.

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Superior and branded Silver Plates

you can mark Linen, Cloth, &c.

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## Agricultural.

### Farming in the Moon.

A farmer's club in Central Illinois, as we learn from the Secretary, has been discussing the subject of the influence of the moon on vegetation. The particular point in the discussion was in regard to the proper time to sow wheat in order to gain the greatest amount of good from the influences of the moon. As is usual when this subject comes up, there were some who denied that the moon exerts any influence on growing crops, while others affirmed that it did exert a powerful influence, and one which farmers should avail themselves of.

No intelligent person or persons possessed of a very large share of common sense, we think, believe that the moon exerts any occult influence on vegetation in any stage of its development. There is, however, some reason for believing that the moon's rays do influence the growth of vegetation, and observation seems to confirm the idea that established plants do make a more rapid growth during the period of the moon's greatest light, than during that of her greatest obscuration—all the circumstances being equally favorable. It is also claimed to be a fact, and there is some reason for the belief, that very tender plants, for example young wheat plants, do best if allowed a period of rest during the night, in which they recuperate, as babies and young ducks do; while hardly young plants like the sprouts of potatoes and other bulbs, which have something to feed upon directly, do better if their growth is pushed during the whole of the day and night.

Admitting both of these premises to be true, the conclusion would be this: If we could regulate the weather in respect to warmth and dryness, or be reasonably assured that they would be favorable during the whole of the season when planting and sowing must be done to insure a crop, we would sow our seeds when plants are very tender at the start, so that they would break ground during "the dark of the moon," to the end that they might have the "night's rest" so grateful and recuperative to all who work. On the other hand, we would, every thing being favorable and good weather being insured, plant potatoes, and some other crops which are hardy at the start, so that they would come up in the light of the moon," in order that they might make the fastest growth possible. But there are "so many ifs in the way" that we do not believe it is practicable to take advantage of the favorable action of the moon's influence, if, indeed, it exerts influences especially favorable or unfavorable; and our convictions are, that the farmer who puts off sowing when the land is in good condition in order to plant or sow during the right time of the moon, will be quite likely to be in harvest, and have wise people laugh at him for his folly.—*Prairie Farmer.*

**EFFECT OF FERTILIZERS IN DIFFERENT SEASONS.**—The editor of the Boston *Journal of Chemistry*, in giving the results of his farm operations the past season, says:

One of the most interesting facts which this extraordinary wet season has brought out is, that fertilizers applied to soils in dry summers without appreciable effects, are rendered available in those that are wet. The plants upon which our fertilizers have been applied during the past years, when the rainfall has been so deficient, produced wonderfully this season. The fertilizing substances have been lying dormant in the soil for the want of water to render them soluble or to hold them in solution, and this year the conditions have been favorable for promoting the changes, chemical and mechanical, necessary for plant-food to be made available.

Owing to the dry weather the past three years it has been difficult to conduct experiments with manures, and reach anything like reliable results. Hundreds of farmers have been misled, and have condemned as worthless manorial substances which had positive value, but which needed the usual meteorological agencies to render them assimilable. Farming and stable manures, as well as chemical fertilizers, have not exerted their full influence upon soils to which they have been applied, because of the absence of rain.

This season they have been thoroughly subjected to the action of water, and crops have been benefited by the dormant manorial agents applied two or three years ago. Manures are not lost which do not act promptly, unless they are blown away by winds, or are washed into brooks in sudden and violent showers, which sometimes fall upon the baked earth in summer. If they remain in or upon the soil, favorable seasons, which are sure to come, will force them to give up to plants the food they contain, and the husbandman receives his return in abundant crops.

**A CHEAP GREENHOUSE.**—Rev. Dr. Cox, of Citronelle, has put an experiment to the test this winter that is certainly worth reading about and remembering. He dug a hole into the ground measuring about four feet in depth, four feet in width, and six feet in length. Into this, resting upon low benches along the sides, he placed his tender plants and flowers, and over them, at the surface of the ground, he placed a canvas covering, stretched upon a wooden frame, and affixed with hinges so that it might be raised or lowered at pleasure, as the prevailing weather demanded. His plants have kept to perfection through all this severe weather, and now, at this writing, his geraniums and other tender species are in full bloom, and show a better thrif than the best specimens of a well-kept stove house. After this we of the lower South have no longer an excuse for wintering without a hot-house. The cost of one made on the Doctor's plan is hardly nominal. Common burlap sheeting is all we require for the covering—in the Doctor's experiment he used simply an old bed sheet.—*Mobile Register.*

## SASSAFRAS RIVER

THE steamer "TRUMPETER" being now in complete order, will resume her trips on Saturday, the 1st of March, 1873, leaving Pier No. 2, Light street wharf, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 A. M., arriving Georgetown at 4 P. M. Returning will leave Georgetown the alternate days at 8 A. M., arriving New Castle, 2 P. M.; touching at Buck Creek, Bear Creek, Betterton, Turner's Creek, Caswell, Shallowford, and Fredericksburg, going and returning.

We sincerely trust that the friendly relations hitherto existing between the steamer Trumpeter, her patrons, and the public generally, may never grow less; for the perpetuation of which we will ever be found striving our very best.

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Patrons solicited.

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